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Previous references.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B. for September 1911

SUBJECT.

Mail Robbery near Basavapatna in the Shimoga District—

1) From Resident- No: 271 dt 18.1.11
Forwards certain communications re the mail robbery at Basavapatna which occurred on 19.12.10.

2) To Supdt of Police dt. 2107 dt 24.1.11
Calls for a report in the matter.

3) From -do- No. 6529/623 dt 26.4.11
Submits a report in the matter.

4) R. S. 58 To the Dist: Magistrate, Shimoga - No: G 3019 dt 29.4.11
Calls for a report as regards the delay in

5) From -do- No: 343/51 dt 6.5.11
submits his explanation -

6) From . The D. I. of Police -
states that Oasa, the accused, was ~~[illegible]~~
found guilty of murder & robbery and
sentenced to death -

7) To The A. Resident - No: Pol- 241 dt 11-5-11
re: intimates the above -

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(Police.)

NOTES.

File No. 134-10

FILE HEADING.

Murder & robbery near Basavapatna in the Sira T.

To The J. A. Resident.

No. 271 Dated 18.1.11 Received 19.1.11

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for information copies of certain communications regarding the above case, which occurred on 29.12.10.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) No report has been recd. from Myson authorities. Submd. for orders or a draft.
B.A.
19.1.11.

2) (1) Issue draft

(2) Then submit file for perusal by H.E. (Copy has been

3)

SN
20/1/11

rst sheet.

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Subd to Diwan) will

4) A report might have been sent by to Govt by pm 28 post.

26/1/11. [illegible]

Diwan 27/1

2 To The I.G.P. no. J2107 D/ 24.1.11

Forwards copies of the communications and calls for a report in the matter.

5) Subd. to the Ld. Councillor for perusal.

I.G. (S) 25.1.11. SN. (H) 26/1

6) I heard of the Case during my tour. Government kept in perfect ignorance of important occurrences in the Districts. Sensational murders, dacoities by professional gangs, robberies attended with great personal violence, outbreaks of particular forms of heinous

20-78 31.1.11

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Crime such as poisoning human beings or cattle, these do not come to the notice of Govt. Loss of life while in Police custody is another such instance. It is necessary that Govt. should get first information in all cases of general public interest.

7) Please draft circular to the Dy. of Police.

31/1/11

Urgent

1/2/11

8) Draft subs.

S.G. (S) 3.2.11.

SP(II) 9) I believe formerly F. I. Reports in all serious cases were being forwarded to Govt. Please search and put up these reports if any.

7/2/11.

7/2/11

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10) Subo. No references are available. From para 2 of Section 45 of the Regular Police Rules it is seen that a copy of first Information Reports in very serious cases has to be sent to the I.G.P. and not to Govt. This provision seems to be still in force as the Police Regulation does not interfere with these provisions of the Regular Police Rules relating to Reports, Registers etc. Copy of the G.O. giving a list of subjects regarding which reports have to be made to the Residency is also put up.

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B4(57) 18-2-11 SW(11) 20/2/11

11) A draft order is put up.

22/2/11

1892-95 215 23-2-11

13) Please send for Mr. Lake, Human Shastry & Counsels him as to the description of the reputed

22/2/11

23/2/11

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14) Please instruct a D.O. to W.L. Lakin requesting him to kindly come up to the office on Saturday next at about 3 p.m. as personal consultation with him is necessary in regard to one of the pending reports. (Begin - "I am directed to...")

Admin 23/2/11

15) Draft submitted.

G.S.(I) 24.2.11. SA(II) 24/2

16) Issued

24/2/11.

Attn. sheet.

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Police Jdly No 1614/1910-11

Draft No.

Bangalore
6th/11th Feb. 1911

No J 2438.

Dear Sir

~~Mr. Lakshmanaswami~~,

17) I am desired by Mr. V. Ramiah to request you to be so good as to kindly come up to the Secretariat tomorrow at about 3 p.m. as personal consultation with you is necessary in regard to one of the pending references.

Yours sincerely

Asst. Secretary to Govt.

M. Lakshmanaswami Esqr B.A.
Officiating Asst. to the I.G.
of Police in Inspn.
Bangalore.

SAF(II)
BG.
12.2.11.

24/11

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eral and Revenue
Secretariat.

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19) Submd for further orders

SW
28/2/11

19) Letters be sent up.
a work hence please

SH

4/3/11.

B.G.
13.3.11

20) Submd. for orders.

21) Shada talk with Mr L. Sartin
accg to the personal instructions of the
Str. He was unable to furnish
any information regarding the
practice that prevailed in the Early
months. However a draft is put up
Embodying the views of the Str as
orally communicated.

SH

18/4/11.

22) As a communication
was received in the meanwhile

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from the D.G. of Police, the file was brought back from the Asst. Sec who had it with him for submis it personally to the Hon Councillor

B.G. 4/11
(5) 28/4/11
3 from The D.G. of Police no. 6529-623 S/ 26.4.11
Submits a report in the matter.

2) Secretary's remarks:-
See passage marked. Case apparently not yet committed to Sessions though charge sheet filed before magistrate on 1.1.11. Some enquiry for delay seems necessary.
(Sd.) C.S.B.
27.4.11.

24) Subd. with a fair copy of the draft put up by the Asst. Secy. A draft in accordance with the remarks of the Secy is also put up.
B.G. 29/4/11 SN(11)

29/4/11 23 (1) Send draft and Submit file to Hr for perusal.

26 (2) Let the Memorandum regarding first interrogatories come up at once in a separate file.

Attended to vide Police file no 197-10)

Sd

29/4/11

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4 To The Dt. Magte., Shimoga Dt. no T 3019 B/2.9.11.

Calls for a report as regards the delay.

27) Subd. to 1st Councillor.

B.G. 6975-5-11. SN(G1) 5/8/11

28) Seen. The Secretariat should be kept informed of all unusual & important occurrences. some scheme shd be devised for getting prompt information. Is it not necessary to call for report progress to the Residency? 8/8/11

30) Generally mail robberies are treated as political offences and the T.D.R. and the final result of the Police investigation of the case are communicated to the Residency. As, in the present case, the first information that the Govt. received was from the Residency, it seems sufficient if the result of the trial of the accused in the case is intimated to the Residency, when the case is finally disposed of by the Sessions Judge of the Shimoga Dt.

Some cases must be reported to GN

Is it necessary?

2 thumb impressions

SA 9/8/11

Police 11/8

to D&P

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Serial No.

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From —
The Dt. Magte, Shimoga.
No 343/51. Dt 6. 5. 11.

States that the delay in the disposal of the case by the Committing Magistrate is due to the loss of the razor, with which the accused is stated to have murdered the mail runner, but that the accused has since been committed to take his trial at the Sessions for offences under Secs 302 & 392, I. P. C.

2) The I. G. of Police has already promised to intimate the result of the trial in due course.

Submitted for orders

GB. 10/5/11 SN(11)

11/5/11

32) Please put up the G.O. of 1900 requiring the submission of reports to the Resy and refd to in the Correspondence relating to the dacoity on the Kolar-Bowringpet Road.

11/5/11 Sdt

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33) Subd. A printed copy of the order has already been put up. (Vide fl. 6 S.G. 6/11-5-11. S/11/11

34) Subd. A reply to the Res[t] about the result of the trial seems to be necessary. Vide Correspondence on the Kolar - Bowringpet Mail dacoity Case.

This can be sent after the trial is over.

12/5/11

Sec[t] 35 yes.

36) The explanation of the Stamagle for the delay in the disposal of the case is very extraordinary - The identity of the razor appears to be an important link in the evidence against the accused & the loss of such an article will tell greatly against the prosecution. The D.G.P has addressed Govt separately in regard to the abolition of the system of sending articles by Parcel Post the present case affords a most potent argument against that System. The razor could have

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been easily sent with the greatest security properly packed sealed by registered & insured parcel post at the cost of 4 or 8 annas.]

(S&C)

C&B
13/5/11

SH
13/5/11

37 This system of sending such important news of evidence by trunk tappal that is, by road thro' police Constables is the most absurd imaginable Postal & Railway Communication should be fully avoided.

(2) The loss of the razor is a case in point, showing the necessity for an alteration of the present system

KM
13/5/11

37)
Subt to Dewan's perusal

40) Seen - I agree — the system is anti- quated and

MM
13/5/11

Maybe permitted if not all of that distances within the same

SH
13/5/11

29 Aug 11

MM
1/6/11

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22.5.11

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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6 From
The I. G. P. no. 729-69D/18.8.11

Stating that Dasa the accused in the case was found guilty of murder & robbery and sentenced to the extreme penalty of the law.

41) Subd. with a draft intimating the above to the Residency. The question of the abolition of Jaffna Tappal is subd. ~~to~~ ~~subd~~ in a separate* file.

(Initd)

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28/9/11

7 To The J. A. Resident no. Pol. 261/D/11.9.11
Intimating the above.

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Letter No.M.L.7-67/66102, dated the 26th December 1910, from the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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I have the honour to send herewith for your information a copy of the telegram from the Superintendent of Post Offic Shimoga Division, intimating that the runner, Basavapatna (Shimoga District), was murdered on the 19th instant and the contents of the mail bag which he was carrying, robbed. I shall communicate to you the extent of loss on receipt of information from the Superintendent.

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Telegram No.C.65, dated the 21st December 1910, from the Superintendent of Bost Offices, Shimoga Division, to the --- Postmaster General, Madras.

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Post Channa giri wires Basavapatna runner murdered and Basavapatna B.O. bag 19 stolen. Have wired District Magistrate and Superintendentsof Police, Shimoga Chitaldroog proceed spot investigate contents B.O. bag not known till now. Report follows.

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Letter No.M.L.7.67/68844, dated the 10th January 1911, from the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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In continuation of my letter No.66102, dated the 26th December 1910, I have the honour to send herewith, for your information, a copy of my letter No.1517, dated the 10th January 1911 to the address of the Director General of the Post Office of India on the subject.

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Letter No.1517, dated the 10th January 1911, from the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Director General of the Post Office of India.

*****

In continuation of my letter No.1444, dated the 26th December 1910, I have the honour to report that the branch office bag which was lost in the highway robbery was the one closed by the Basavapatna Branch Office to Channagiri on the 19th December 1910. In contained a remittance of Rs.100/- unpaid postage for one anna and a registered letter to the address of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, besides 6 money orders issued by the branch office and 3 delivered value-payable receipts.

2. The sum of Rs.100-1-0 which was lost in the occurrence has been charged to unclassified payments in the accounts of the Shimoga Post Office and brought under "Advances recoverable" pending its adjustment by recovery or otherwise.

3. The case is being investigated by the Mysore Police and a further report will be submitted as soon as the result of their investigation is known.

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No. 241.

Mysore Resident's Office,
Bangalore, dated the 18th January 1911

A Copy is forwarded for the information of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

First Assistant Resident

K.M.
17.1.11.

G.R.S. 26]

Police

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Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. J2107 encls

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Police)
, the 19 .

To

The I.G. of Police in Jaffna

Date of issue 24-1-11

Signed by Mr Sthirajanmaiya

I forwarding herewith 6 copies of the marginal note communicating particulars of a case of mail robbery which occurred near Basawapalita in the Shirumaja DC on the 19th December 1910, and have the honour to request that a full report in the matter may be submitted to reach this office at a very early date. The result of the investigation made by Police should be furnished reported

For Secretary

(1) Letter no. Ju.L. 7-67-66102 d/26.12.10 from the Post Master General, Madras, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Jaffna.
(2) Telegram no. C.65 d/21.12.10 from the Supdt. of Post Offices, Shirumaja Division, to the Post Master General, Madras.
(3) Letter no Ju.L. 7.67-68846 d/10.1.11 from the P.M.G. Madras, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Jaffna.
(4) Letter no. 1517 d/10.1.11 from the Post Master General, Madras, to the Director General of the Post Offices of India.

SUBJECT.

BF.
(SF) 19.1.11.

25/1/11

24/1/11 2.30

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FROM

The Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

file no. 184-1.
41. no. 3

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Gen. & Rev. Depts.

Dated
Despatched } 26. 4. 1911
Received

General No. 6529
623
Enclosure No.

Furnishing a full repo
Re the case of Mail Robb
which occurred near Basa
Patna

No. 6529/623

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, 26th April *1911*.

FROM

D. Devaraj Urs Esquire,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq., B.A.,

Offg. *Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.*

SIR,

With reference to your docket No.J.2107/ Police 134-10-2 dated 24th January 1911 calling for a full report regarding the case of Mail robbery which occurred near Basavapatna in the Chennagiri Taluk, Shimoga District, on the 19th December 1910, I have the honour to state that the Superintendent of Police, Shimoga District, reports in his letter No.520 dated 10th March 1911 as follows:-

2. On the 19th December 1910 Padmanabha Jois, Branch Post Master of Basavapatna complained to the Police Inspector of Chennagiri who was then at Basava--patna that runner Bheema who took the Mail Bag at 6 P.M. on the same morning did not return. The Mail bag contained Rs.100/- cash connected with certain

M.O's

M.O.'s and V.P. parcels and other letters etc. The Inspector at once proceeded to investigate the case. He learnt that runner Koriyella dit not exchange tappal with Bheema at Asinghatta. A search was then made in the jungle about Gulaganji kanve for the missing runner and on the morning of the 20th idem the dead body of Bheema with several cuts on it was found lying near a foot-path in Gulaganji kanave.

3. Active enquiries were commenced for finding out the culprit suspicion pointed to one constable Dasa as the author of the crime.

4. Patel Chenneveerappa stated that when he was returning from his kana (threshing floor) at 7 A.M. on 19th December 1910 he saw runner Bheema going with the tappal, and immediately after constable Dasa joined the deceased from the behind and both went away talking.

5. The accused constable Dasawho was then under suspension for having leftthe Kathligere out-post with out leave, was brought to Julekere on 23rd December 1910, when his person and clothe were examined in the presence of Panchayetdars. There were wound cuts on his thumb and fingers. Newly

washed

washed blood stains were noticed on his coat, shirt, and panchyes. He admitted his guilt and stated that he murdered runner Bheema with a razor which broke in the act and that he threw away the handle and the blade in the jungle. The broken handle of the razor as well as the torn mail bag with all its covers and contents were secured on the information of and subsequent production by the accused in the jungle at a short distance from where the body lay. The accused was arrested.

6. Barber Basava of Basvapatna admitted that the razor in question was his and was given to the accused who asked for it for the purpose of self shaving on the morning of 19th December 1910, and that it was never returned to him.

7. The accused gave a statement as to the disposal of Rs. 100/- cash which was verified and the amounts were recovered from the persons named by him. The greater portion of the amount viz. 79-12-0 had been with one Siddalingamma wife of Aigala Channavirappa of Kotlagere.

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8. The accused constable Dasa was charged sheeted for an offence under section 302 I,P.C. before the Assisant Cimmissioner and 1st class Magistrate of Shimoga on the 1st January 1911 and the case is under trial.

9. The result of the trial will be duly communicated t Covernment on receipt of final report from the District Superintendent of Police.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Inspector General of Police.

7/30 G.R.S. 26]

3-9-11

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Serial No. 4

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No. J. 3019/Police 134—10

d. 29.4.11.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Dt. Magte. of the Shimoga Dt.

Date of issue 29.4.11

Signed by M. S. Thirugnanam

Sir,

With reference to ~~the forwarding accounts~~ a report dated the ~~a copy of letter from~~ 26th April 1911 from the I.S. of Police in charge regarding the mail robbery which occurred near Basavapatna in December 1910, I am directed to state that the case ~~has not~~ has not been completed

Above

~~by the~~ owing to the committing magistrate

over.

SUBJECT.

28/4.

the CO

~~The decision~~ thereon charge sheet was placed before him

~~early~~ as long back as 1.1.11.

Therefore

I am to request that you will be so good as ascertain and submit a report to this office

of the above delay ~~may~~ ~~be taken action early~~ ~~date~~ for the information of

Govt.

Yours

for Secretary

B.G. 39/2541 11

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From The District Magistrate
Shimoga District

To The Secretary to Govt
General and Rev. Departts.

Dated 6th May 1911

Despatched

Received

General No. 343

No. 51

Enclosure No.

With reference to his
No. J 3079-134-10 dated
29th Ultimo explaining
the delay in the disposal
of the Basavapatna Mail
Robbery case.

J 4823

No. 343/57

District Magistrate's Office
Shimoga District
Shimoga 6th May 1911

Police 134-a
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From

K. Srinivasa Row Esquire
District Magistrate
Shimoga District

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq B. A.
Offg. Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Departts.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. J 3019-134/10 dated 29th Ultimo re the delay in the inquiry of the Basavapatna mail robbery case before the committing Magistrate, I have the honour to state that the accused in the case has been committed to the Court of Sessions for trial for offences under Sections 302 + 397 I. P. C.

In this case the instrument (razor) with which the accused is stated to have murdered the mail runner was lost in transit (Tamalappal) from

Chemical Examiner's Office Banga-
lore to Shimoga - The Inspector
General of Police has specially
deputed a Criminal Intelligence
Department Inspector to find out
the lost razor - It has not as yet
been found out. This loss led to
the delay in the disposal of the
case by the committing Magistrate

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
D. Srinivasa Rau Sir
for District Magistrate
Shimoga District

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No. 729/69

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, 18th August 1911

DIARY No. 9526

10/11-12
SECTION Police
FILE No. 134-10
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From D. Devaraj Urs Esquire,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To C.S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire, B.A.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 6529/623 dated 26-4-1911, reporting the facts of the case of mail Robbery with murder which occurred near Basavapatna on the 19th December 1910, I have the honor to state that the Sessions Judge, Shimoga Division who tried this case, found the accused Dasa guilty of the offences of murder and Robbery and sentenced him to the extreme penalty of the law.

I have the honor to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M Lakshmanadarby
for Inspector-General of Police.

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I.S.

III
19/8
for

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FROM

The Inspector-General of
Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.
Gen. & Rev. Depts.

Dated
Despatched 18th August 1
Received
General No. 729
No. 69
Enclosure No.

Re the case of Imail Kh
with murder which oc
near Basavapatna on
19th December 1910

No 14

Police

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File No. 134

Serial No. 7

Diary No. of letter replied to 9526

Pol. No. 241

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The J. A. Resident

Sir,

Date of issue 11-9-1911

Signed by

Balasundaramiyer

With reference to your endorsement No. 271 dated the 18th Jan 1911 forwarding copies of certain communication regarding a Dacoity at Bacwapur Chamapir a mail Robbery case, I am directed to state that the accused in the case was convicted of murder & Robbery and sentenced to death

Welcomes nil

over.

SUBJECT.

The ultimate penalty of the law 15

by the Sessions Judge of the

Shimoga Division.

Hand to

Sd

To Secretary

A.G.

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